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## EXPECT A NIGHT DETOUR OFF I-24 NEAR THE TENNESSEE/GEORGIA STATE LINE

TRENTON, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists in Northwest Georgia of a detour off Interstate 24, scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., to accommodate work by Tennessee DOT's contractor to demolish the Murphy Hollow Bridge over I-24 at Tennessee mile post 164.8.

I-24 East will be closed at Exit 161 in Tennessee and traffic will be rerouted onto Tennessee Highway 134 and back to Exit 169 on-ramp. I-59 southbound traffic will also be rerouted onto Tennessee 134 East for approximately ten miles to Exit 169 on-ramp to I-24 West, merge onto I-24 West, and continue on to I-59.

I-24 West will be closed the same night of Saturday, July 18 at the I-24/I59 Interchange in Georgia. Traffic will take Exit 174, head north on US 41/TN 2 for approximately 17 miles to TVA Road/US 27, turn left, and merge onto I-24 West. I-59 southbound traffic will continue on I-24 westbound to the I-24/I-59 Interchange. I-59 North will be closed at the I-24/I-59 Interchange and traffic will be redirected to Exit 174 of I-24 East, head north on US 41/TN 2 for approximately 17 miles to TVA Road/US 27, turn left, travel to the on-ramp to I-24 and merge onto I-24 West.

"We certainly hope that all motorists watch out for the message boards and detour signs, and be extra cautious while approaching this work zone," said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville. "Both Georgia DOT and Tennessee DOT understand that the closure of I-24 at that location may cause some inconvenience and delays for motorists in the area, but it is vital for the demolition of the old bridge as quickly and safely as possible and giving the roadways back to the traveling public," Comer explained.

*Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction or maintenance operations on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service and website sponsored by State Farm Insurance that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. State Farm also sponsors the Department's Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).*

*Georgia DOT's **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** campaign calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov). You also may follow us on ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest)) and [Twitter \(https://twitter.com/GDOTNW\)](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW).*

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